

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bloom *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/762,492

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for Biotechnology Applications**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Non-Final Office Action dated **February 7, 2007**, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and file herewith the necessary fee under § 1.17(a)(1) of \$120.00. Applicants

believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if additional fees are due for additional extensions of time and are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.